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RE: Mineral King

Dear Jean:

Thank you for sending me the materials on the trials and tribulations of your petition. As I believe I told you sometime back, I would just continue to put my petitions out on my mailbox. If the Forest Service attempts to take the petitions again we'll make a great big fuss about it by filing a suit and holding a press conference. We'll make them rue the day they steal any more petitions.

In my opinion you have a constitutional right to collect a petition from fellow citizens at your own mail box. The Forest Service is making a big mistake by acting like Big Brother. If they try it again, I think we should bring it to the public's attention.

In the meantime I am going to bring this correspondence to the attention of the Forest Service's lawyer to give them a chance to straighten this out once and for all.

Sincerely yours,

James W. Moorman

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